and increase their retention by making provision of two room buildings, an additional teacher in single teacher schools and supply of relevant teaching learning equipment. A comprehensive programme of inservice teacher training has been launched through establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training.

**Maintenance of Pillars of Kedar Nath Temple**

159. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent discovery, the pillars in the Garbh Grih of Kedar Nath Temple are found to be made of gold ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study with regard to the authenticity or otherwise of the findings ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner Government propose to safeguard and maintain the pillars ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) As per the information of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Sri Badrinath and Kedarnath Temple Samiti, the pillars in the B Garba Grha of Kedar Nath Temple are not made of gold.

(c) Does not arise.

**Construction of Stadia in Maharashtra and Gujarat**

160. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the number of stadia constructed or still under construction with the Central Assistance, at various places in each State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ;

(b) whether any further requests are pending with the Central Government seeking assistance for construction of stadia ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the proposed locations thereof ;

(d) whether there is a proposal from State Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat to construct stadia, during the said period ; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) and THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) During VIII Five Year Plan till date (1-4-92 to 30-11-93), 16 proposals for construction of stadia at various places have been sanctioned for Central Assistance. State-wise details of them are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) 59 requests for Central Assistance for Construction of Stadium are pending at various stages with Central Government. The details alongwith the proposed location of these projects are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXIX Annexure No. 12).

(d) and (e) 7 proposals for Central assistance for construction of Stadia have been received from the State Government of Maharashtra, out of which one has been sanctioned Central assistance and one proposal has been rejected. The status of the remaining 5 proposals is indicated in Annexure II referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of the question. No proposal for Stadia has been received from the State Government of Gujarat.

Statement

*Construction of Stadia in Maharashtra And Gujarat*

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | Projects sanctioned |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1 |
| 2 | Assam | 1 |
| 3 | Bihar | 1 |
| 4 | Haryana | 1 |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | 1 |
| 6 | Jammu & Kahmir | 1 |
| 7 | Karnatka | 1 |
| 8 | Kerala | 1 |
| 9 | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 10 | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 11 | Orissa | 1 |
| 12 | Punjab | 1 |
| 13 | Tamilnadu | 2 |
| 14 | Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| 15 | West Bengal | 1 |
| | TOTAL : | 16 |

**Panel for Literacy Programme**

161. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formed a panel of 100 consultants to guide the total literacy programme ;

(b) if so, whether this panel has been asked to monitor the literacy programme which has been covered in 345 districts ;

(c) if so, whether there is a proposal under this programme to impart functional literacy to adult illiterates in the age group of 15—35 years ;

(d) whether this programme is proposed to be completed by 1995 ; and

(e) if so, what is the total number of persons likely to be covered under the proposed scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) The Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) is the principal strategy adopted for implementing literacy programme. Since the TLC is based upon a mass mobilisation approach in the campaign mode to involve all sections of the society to do voluntary work and to achieve total literacy in the given age-group within a specified time-frame, the NLM has also tried to seek an *honorary* resource support for TLCs in the form of literacy consultants. A panel of more than 100 literacy consultants has been identified from amongst the officials who had actually implemented the TLCs, academicians, media persons, social activists, thinkers and scholars, artistes and civil servants.

Their role would, vary depending upon the phase of implementation of the project in a given district.

(c) to (e) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) has the objective of providing functional literacy to 80 million citizens in the age-group of 15—35 covering 345 districts by the year 1995. It is proposed to cover 100 million persons through this scheme by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

As of November 1993, TLCs have been approved covering 240 districts either fully or partially, throughout the country.

**Maintenance of Central Universities and Deemed Institutions**

162. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high level Committee of the UGC headed by Mr. Justice Punnayya has opposed any reduction in Government's role in the maintenance of the Central Universities and deemed institutions in his report submitted to the U.G.C. ;

(c) whether the UGC has accepted the Committee's Report ; if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee ; and